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PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHUY, Geoffrey Wen Tai et al. Conf.: 1991
Appl. No.: 09/785,310 Group: 1756
Filed: February 20, 2001 Examiner: John A. MCPHERSON
For: THIN-FILM DESIGN FOR OPTICAL RECORDING
MEDIA

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 10, 2003

Sir:

Responsive to the December 12, 2002 Office Action, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An optical recording medium for recording and retrieving information with an optical beam comprising:

a substrate;

a transparent layer having a predetermined thickness that is reactive (optically or thermally) with a reflecting layer disposed thereon to form a semi-transparent reflective area of alloy/compound near the interface there between, comprising a

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